General Assembly
Official Records
Seventy-first Session
Supplement No. 26

A/71/26

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

United Nations • New York, 2016

Please recycle

Note

Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of letters combined with figures. Mention of such a symbol indicates a reference to a United Nations document.

ISSN 0255-173X

[21 October 2016]

Contents

Chapter		*Page*
I.	Introduction	4
II.	Membership, composition, terms of reference and organization of the work of the Committee	5
III.	Topics dealt with by the Committee	6
	Entry visas issued by the host country	6
IV.	Recommendations and conclusions	7
Annexes		
I.	List of topics for consideration by the Committee	9
II.	List of documents	10

Chapter I
Introduction

1. The Committee on Relations with the Host Country was established pursuant to General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI). The Assembly, by its resolution 70/121, decided to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-first session the item entitled "Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country". The present report is submitted pursuant to resolution 70/121.

2. The report consists of four chapters. The recommendations and conclusions of the Committee are contained in chapter IV.

Chapter II
Membership, composition, terms of reference and organization of the work of the Committee

3. The Committee is composed of 19 members, as follows:

Bulgaria	Iraq
Canada	Libya
China	Malaysia
Costa Rica	Mali
Côte d'Ivoire	Russian Federation
Cuba	Senegal
Cyprus	Spain
France	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
Honduras	
Hungary	United States of America

4. The Bureau of the Committee consists of the Chair, the three Vice-Chairs, the Rapporteur and a representative of the host country who attends Bureau meetings ex officio. During the reporting period, the Bureau was composed as follows:

Chair:

Nicholas Emiliou (Cyprus)

Vice-Chairs:

Krassimira Beshkova (Bulgaria)
Giles Andrew Norman — Catherine Boucher (Canada)
Koffi Narcisse Date (Côte d'Ivoire)

Rapporteur:

Georgina Guillén-Grillo (Costa Rica)

5. At its 277th meeting, the Committee was informed of the departure of Giles Andrew Norman (Canada), who had served as Vice-Chair. At its 278th meeting, the Committee welcomed Catherine Boucher (Canada) and Krassimira Beshkova (Bulgaria) to serve as Vice-Chairs.

6. The terms of reference of the Committee were determined by the General Assembly in its resolution 2819 (XXVI). In May 1992, the Committee adopted, and in March 1994 slightly modified, a detailed list of topics for its consideration, which is set out in annex I to the present report. The Committee issued one document during the reporting period, which is listed in annex II.

7. During the reporting period, the Committee held the following meetings: the 275th meeting, on 3 February 2016; the 276th meeting, on 19 April 2016; the 277th meeting, on 29 July 2016; the 278th meeting, on 29 September 2016; and the 279th meeting, on 21 October 2016.

Chapter III
Topics dealt with by the Committee

Entry visas issued by the host country

8. At the 275th meeting, the representative of the Russian Federation referred to his statement made at the 273rd meeting, held on 5 October 2015, where he had informed the Committee of the inability of the Chair of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Valentina Matvienko, to attend the meetings held under the auspices of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) from 31 August to 2 September 2015 at United Nations Headquarters, due to issues concerning the issuance of an entry visa by the host country. In that regard, he wished to react to a note verbale dated 30 October 2015 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to his Mission, which had been circulated as a document of the Committee (A/AC.154/410, annex) regarding the matter. He stated that the Russian Federation maintained its position that access for participants to IPU meetings was not a matter of courtesy but a legal obligation of the host country. The Russian Federation had called upon the host country to cease its selective policy in that regard and had expressed its hope that visas to delegates invited to such meetings would be issued in a timely manner and without restrictions of any kind. He also stated that the Russian Federation reserved the right to revert to the issue within the Committee.

9. The representative of the host country recalled that, when the issue had first been raised bilaterally, the host country had responded to the Russian Federation in writing, explaining the reasons why the request for a visa for Ms. Matvienko had been pending. He wished to confirm that his Government's position on the matter remained unchanged.

10. At the 277th meeting, the representative of Cuba stated that his Mission regretted that, in recent months, the processing of requests for visas of officials and administrative personnel of the Mission had been delayed. He called upon the host country to complete the procedures related to the issuance of visas for officials and administrative personnel of the Mission in an appropriate period of time, in order to avoid any negative impact on the Mission operations. He also wished to emphasize that the host country had the responsibility to ensure that the provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations were complied with.

11. The representative of the host country explained that an unexpectedly larger volume of requests for visas had caused the delays. He confirmed that his Mission had worked bilaterally with the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and other permanent missions to make sure that any outstanding visa requests were expedited. He further invited delegations facing particular issues to contact his Mission directly so that close attention could be paid to any outstanding request.

Chapter IV
Recommendations and conclusions

12. **At its 279th meeting, on 21 October 2016, the Committee approved the following recommendations and conclusions:**

(a) The Committee reaffirms the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, the provisions of the 1961 Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the 1946 Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations;

(b) Considering that the maintenance of appropriate conditions for the delegations and missions accredited to the United Nations is in the interest of the United Nations and all Member States, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the host country to that end and anticipates that all issues raised at its meetings, including those referred to below, will be duly settled in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

(c) The Committee notes that the observance of privileges and immunities is an issue of great importance. The Committee emphasizes the need to solve, through negotiations, problems that might arise in this regard for the normal functioning of the delegations and the missions accredited to the United Nations. The Committee urges the host country to continue to take appropriate action, such as training of police, security, customs and border control officers, with a view to maintaining respect for diplomatic privileges and immunities. If violations occur, the Committee urges the host country to ensure that such cases are properly investigated and remedied, in accordance with applicable law;

(d) Considering that the security of the missions accredited to the United Nations and the safety of their personnel are indispensable for their effective functioning, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the host country to this end and anticipates that the host country will continue to take all measures necessary to prevent any interference with the functioning of the missions;

(e) The Committee notes that permanent missions continue to implement the Diplomatic Parking Programme and shall remain seized of the matter, with a view to continuously ensuring the proper implementation of the programme in a manner that is fair, non-discriminatory, effective and therefore consistent with international law;

(f) The Committee requests the host country to continue to bring to the attention of New York City officials reports about other problems experienced by permanent missions or their staff in order to improve the conditions for their functioning and to promote compliance with international norms concerning diplomatic privileges and immunities, and to continue to consult the Committee on those important issues;

(g) The Committee recalls that, in accordance with paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 2819 (XXVI), the Committee shall consider and

advise the host country on issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Headquarters Agreement;

(h) The Committee anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance its efforts to ensure the issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States pursuant to article IV, section 11, of the Headquarters Agreement to enable travel, in a timely manner, to New York on official United Nations business, including to attend official United Nations meetings, and notes that a number of delegations have requested shortening the time frame applied by the host country for the issuance of entry visas to representatives of Member States, since this time frame poses difficulties for the full-fledged participation of Member States in United Nations meetings; the Committee also anticipates that the host country will continue to enhance efforts to facilitate the participation, including visa issuance, of representatives of Member States in other United Nations meetings, as appropriate. The Committee also remains seized of particular entry visa-related issues raised at its meetings and anticipates that these issues shall be duly addressed in a spirit of cooperation and in accordance with international law;

(i) Concerning travel regulations issued by the host country with regard to personnel of certain missions and staff members of the Secretariat of certain nationalities, the Committee urges the host country to remove the remaining travel restrictions and, in that regard, notes the positions of the affected Member States, as reflected in the report of the Secretary-General, and of the host country;

(j) The Committee stresses the importance of permanent missions, their personnel and Secretariat personnel meeting their financial obligations;

(k) The Committee stresses the need for the permanent missions and the United Nations to benefit from appropriate banking services and anticipates that the host country will continue to assist the permanent missions accredited to the United Nations and their staff in obtaining such services;

(l) The Committee welcomes the participation, in its work, of States Members of the United Nations that are not members of the Committee. The Committee also welcomes the contribution of the Secretariat to its work and emphasizes its importance. The Committee is convinced that its important work has been strengthened by the cooperation of all concerned;

(m) The Committee wishes to reiterate its appreciation to the representative of the United States Mission to the United Nations in charge of host country affairs, to the Host Country Affairs Section of the United States Mission and to the Office of Foreign Missions, as well as to local entities, in particular the Mayor's Office for International Affairs, that participate in its meetings and contribute to its efforts to help to accommodate the needs, interests and requirements of the diplomatic community and to promote mutual understanding between the diplomatic community and the people of the City of New York.

Annex I

List of topics for consideration by the Committee

1. Question of the security of missions and the safety of their personnel.
2. Consideration of and recommendations on issues arising in connection with the implementation of the Agreement between the United Nations and the United States of America regarding the Headquarters of the United Nations, including:
   (a) Entry visas issued by the host country;
   (b) Acceleration of immigration and customs procedures;
   (c) Exemption from taxes.
3. Responsibilities of permanent missions to the United Nations and their personnel, in particular the problem of claims of financial indebtedness and procedures to be followed with a view to resolving the issues relating thereto.
4. Housing for diplomatic personnel and for Secretariat staff.
5. Question of privileges and immunities:
   (a) Comparative study of privileges and immunities;
   (b) Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations and other relevant instruments.
6. Host country activities: activities to assist members of the United Nations community.
7. Transportation: use of motor vehicles, parking and related matters.
8. Insurance, education and health.
9. Public relations of the United Nations community in the host city and the question of encouraging the mass media to publicize the functions and status of permanent missions to the United Nations.
10. Consideration and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly.

Annex II

List of documents

A/AC.154/410	Letter dated 30 October 2015 from the Minister Counsellor for Host Country Affairs of the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

16-18386 (E) 251016

Please recycle

General Assembly
Official Records
Seventy-first Session
Supplement No. 27

A/71/27

Report of the Conference on Disarmament

2016 session

United Nations • New York, 2016

Please recycle

Note

Symbols of United Nations documents are composed of letters combined with figures. Mention of such a symbol indicates a reference to a United Nations document.

ISSN 0257-0645

[22 September 2016]

Contents

		Page
I.	Introduction	4
II.	Organization of the work of the Conference	4
	A. 2016 session of the Conference	4
	B. Participants in the work of the Conference	5
	C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference	5
	D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2016 session	6
	E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference	8
	F. Review of the agenda of the Conference	9
	G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference	9
	H. Communications from non-governmental organizations	9
III.	Substantive work of the Conference during its 2016 session	9
	A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament	11
	B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters	12
	C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space	13
	D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons	14
	E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons	14
	F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament	15
	G. Transparency in armaments	15
	H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures	15
	I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations	17

I. Introduction

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations its annual report on its 2016 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. Organization of the work of the Conference

A. 2016 session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 25 January to 1 April, 16 May to 1 July and 1 August to 16 September 2016. During this period, the Conference held 30 formal plenary meetings, at which member States as well as non-member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various issues before the Conference.

3. The Conference also held six informal plenary meetings.

4. In accordance with rule 9 of the rules of procedure, the following member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland and the Republic of Korea.

5. At the first plenary meeting of the 2016 session on 26 January 2016, Mr. Kim Won-soo, High-Representative for Disarmament Affairs, delivered a message on behalf of Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon in which the Secretary-General, inter alia, emphasized that his efforts to help reinvigorate the Conference and to advance multilateral disarmament negotiations will continue and, recalling the ultimate burden of the member States to find an urgent solution to the chronic impasse, encouraged the Conference on Disarmament to live up to its responsibility as the single multilateral negotiating forum for disarmament (CD/PV.1371).

6. Upon the joint invitation of the second President of the Conference, Mr. Steffen Kongstad, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, and of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Møller, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament: Mr. Miroslav Lajčák, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia (CD/PV.1377); Mr. Bert Koenders, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (CD/PV.1377); Ms. Susana Malcorra, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina (CD/PV.1377); Mrs. Lenita Toivakka, Minister of Foreign Trade and Development of Finland (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Tore Hattrem, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Yannis Amanatidis, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece (CD/PV.1378); Mr. Pedro Nuñez Mosquera, General Director of Multilateral Affairs and International Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cuba (CD/PV.1378); Ms. Maria Angela Holguin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Stéphane Dion, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Alexei Volkov, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Yun Byung-se, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the

Republic of Korea (CD/PV.1379); Ms. Delcy Rodríguez Gómez, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Masakazu Hamachi, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Benedetto della Vedova, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (CD/PV.1379); Mr. Ignacio Ybañez Rubio, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Spain (CD/PV.1379). Upon the invitation of the third President of the Conference, Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Mr. Syed Tariq Fatemi, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Pakistan and Mr. Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1386). Upon the invitation of the fifth President of the Conference, Mr. Piotr Stachanzyck, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Mr. Kim Won-soo, High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, addressed the Conference (CD/PV.1393).

7. In their addresses, these dignitaries variously voiced support for the Conference, expressed concern about the Conference's current situation, called upon the Conference to do its part to advance the international agenda by overcoming its ongoing deadlock, and set out their national priorities for the work of the Conference.

8. The substantive secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Michael Møller, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Ms. Mary Soliman, Acting Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Acting Director of the Geneva Branch, United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs; Mr. Marco Kalbusch, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the work of the Conference

9. The representatives of the following 65 member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference

10. In accordance with the rules of procedure and the decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from 40 States not

members of the Conference. Accordingly, the Conference invited the following non-member States to participate in its work: Afghanistan, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Dominican Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Holy See, Jordan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Oman, Panama, Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Moldova, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Singapore, Slovenia, Sudan, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, and United Arab Emirates.

11. The following documents dealing with the issue of attendance and participation of States not members of the Conference were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2054, dated 4 February 2016, entitled "Letter dated 26 January 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the requests for participation in the work of the Conference during the 2016 session from non-member states";

(b) CD/2064, dated 10 June 2016, entitled "Letter dated 1 June 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/2054 dated 4 February 2016";

(c) CD/2065, dated 1 July 2016, entitled "Letter dated 31 May 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament regarding the position of Cyprus on the issue raised in document CD/2012 dated 10 February 2015".

D. Agenda and programme of work for the 2016 session

12. At its 1371st plenary meeting on 26 January 2016, following a debate in which the content of the draft agenda presented by the President of the Conference, Mr. Peters Emuze, Chargé d'affaires and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Conference on Disarmament, was reviewed in accordance with rule 29 of the rules of procedure, the Conference on Disarmament adopted its agenda for the 2016 session (CD/PV.1371). The agenda (CD/2052) read as follows:

> "Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2016 session:
>
> 1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.
> 2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.
> 3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.
> 4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.

6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

7. Transparency in armaments.

8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

13. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration rules 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference."

14. Pursuant to paragraph 65 of the 2015 report of the Conference (CD/2046), the last President of the 2015 session (New Zealand) and the first President of the 2016 session (Nigeria), conducted informal consultations during the intersessional period with a view to commencing early substantive work during the 2016 session of the Conference.

15. At the 1374th plenary meeting on 16 February 2016, the President of the Conference, Mr. Peters Emuze, Chargé d'affaires and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Conference on Disarmament, circulated a draft decision on a programme of work for the 2016 session (CD/WP.594).

16. At the 1376th plenary meeting on 23 February 2016, the United Kingdom presented a proposal for a programme of work for the 2016 session as contained in CD/2055.

17. Following the announcement by Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation at the 1378th plenary meeting on 1 March 2016, the Russian Federation presented a proposal for a programme of work, as contained in CD/2057, at the 1381st plenary meeting, on 8 March 2016, (CD/PV.1378 and CD/PV.1381). At the 1396th plenary meeting on 4 August 2016, the Russian Federation presented a new proposal for a programme of work, as contained in CD/2070 (CD/PV.1396), following on a proposal for a programme of work orally presented by the Russian Federation at the 1386th plenary meeting on 19 May 2016 (CD/PV.1386).

18. Ideas for a proposal for a programme of work and other ideas to the respect were shared at the Conference (CD/PV.1371, CD/PV.1376, CD/PV.1381 and CD/PV.1386).

19. The Conference held four informal plenary meetings on a programme of work: on 4 February 2016 under the presidency of Mr. Peters Emuze, Chargé d'affaires and Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the Conference on Disarmament, on 8 March 2016 under the presidency of Mr. Steffen Kongstad, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Norway to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, and on 24 and 31 March 2016 under the presidency of Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.

20. At the 1393rd plenary meeting on 28 June 2016, the President of the Conference, Mr. Piotr Stachanzyck, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, submitted for adoption a draft decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the 2016 session (CD/WP.595). The draft decision did not achieve consensus.

21. Throughout the 2016 session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work on the basis of the relevant proposals. Delegations expressed their views on the issue of a programme of work, taking account of relevant proposals and suggestions, which are duly reflected in the plenary records. However, despite these efforts, the Conference did not succeed in reaching consensus on a programme of work in 2016.

22. The following documents were submitted to the Conference:

(a) CD/2051, dated 11 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 19 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the joint statement by interested States in support of the Conference delivered at the First Committee of the General Assembly at its seventieth session";

(b) CD/2055, dated 18 February 2016, entitled "Letter dated 19 February 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting a draft decision for the Conference to establish a formal working group and an associated programme of work for the duration of the 2016 session";

(c) CD/2057, dated 4 March 2016, entitled "Letter dated 3 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a draft proposal for a programme of work of the Conference for the duration of the 2016 session";

(d) CD/2070, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Letter dated 3 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a draft proposal for a programme of work of the Conference for the 2016 session".

E. Expansion of the membership of the Conference

23. The question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings (CD/PV.1371, CD/PV.1372, CD/PV.1374, CD/PV.1378, CD/PV.1379, CD/PV.1380, CD/PV.1386, CD/PV.1394 and CD/PV.1400). Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

24. Since 1982, requests for membership have been received from the following 27 non-members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, Philippines, Azerbaijan, Libya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia, Malta, Serbia, Republic of Moldova and Qatar.

F. Review of the agenda of the Conference

25. The review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and effective functioning of the Conference

26. The improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from non-governmental organizations

27. During the general debate, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the Conference's interaction with civil society. Their views are duly reflected in the plenary records of the Conference.

28. On 22 June 2016, in response to the feedback from delegations on the first informal Conference on Disarmament-Civil Society Forum (CD/PV.1379 and CD/PV.1380), the second informal Conference on Disarmament-Civil Society Forum was held under the authority of the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Michael Møller. The Forum consisted of two panel discussions on the following topics: "New Weapon Technologies" and "The role and possible contribution of the CD for strengthening the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals." Member States expressed appreciation to the Secretary-General of the Conference for the organization of the Forum (CD/PV.1394).

III. Substantive work of the Conference during its 2016 session

29. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations affirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda items. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

30. On the initiative of the President of the Conference, Ms. Tehmina Janjua, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, and with the agreement of the Conference, an informal meeting was held on "women and disarmament" on 19 May 2016. On the initiative of the President of the Conference, Mr. Piotr Stachanzyck, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva, and with the agreement of the Conference, an informal meeting was held on "main international challenges for disarmament" on 9 August 2016.

31. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations

during 2016 and the verbatim records of the formal plenary meetings of the Conference, is attached as Appendix II to this report.

32. The Conference had before it a letter dated 4 January 2016 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its seventieth session in 2015, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament (CD/2049). The latter are listed below:

70/25 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons. (10th, 12th, 13th and 16th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 2, 4 and 5)

70/26 Prevention of an arms race in outer space. (6th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 5, 6 and 8)

70/27 No first placement of weapons in outer space. (7th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 2 and 3)

70/33 Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations. (4th preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 8)

70/34 Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament. (13th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 4, 7 and 14)

70/39 Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. (3rd preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1 and 4)

70/40 United action with renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons. (Operative paragraph 15)

70/43 Regional disarmament. (Operative paragraph 1)

70/44 Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels. (Operative paragraph 2)

70/50 Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world. (9th preambular paragraph)

70/51 Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments. (20th preambular paragraph and operative paragraph 15)

70/52 Nuclear disarmament. (16th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 16, 17 and 20)

70/53 Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities. (6th and 7th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraph 3)

70/56 Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons. (12th and 13th preambular paragraphs)

70/57 Universal Declaration on the Achievement of a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World. (Annex and operative paragraph 9)

70/59 Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes. (Operative paragraphs 1, 5 and 6)

70/62 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons. (9th preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 1 and 2)

70/67 Report of the Conference on Disarmament. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th and 12th preambular paragraphs and operative paragraphs 1 to 11)

70/68 Report of the Disarmament Commission. (Operative paragraphs 2 and 10)

33. The following document was submitted to the Conference:

CD/2069, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Work of the Conference on Disarmament".

A. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament

34. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

35. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

36. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2047, dated 12 October 2015, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 October 2015 to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament from the Permanent Mission of Cuba, transmitting a declaration of the People's National Assembly of the Republic of Cuba regarding the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons";

(b) CD/2050, dated 11 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea";

(c) CD/2056, dated 3 March 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 February 2016 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Mission of Argentina in its capacity as coordinator of the work of the

Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean transmitting the communiqué issued on 14 February 2016 concerning the forty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco";

(d) CD/2061, dated 14 April 2016, entitled "Letter dated 13 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement made by the President of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty";

(e) CD/2063, dated 3 June 2016, entitled "Malaysia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear disarmament";

(f) CD/2067, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament";

(g) CD/2072, dated 26 August 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the commentary by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the IAEA Director-General's Report regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's reprocessing activities";

(h) CD/2075, dated 14 September 2016, entitled "Note Verbale dated 13 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Declaration 'The Astana Vision: From a Radioactive Haze to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free-World'".

B. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters

37. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

38. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 2 entitled "Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

39. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2047, dated 12 October 2015, entitled "Note verbale dated 12 October 2015 to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament from the Permanent Mission of Cuba, transmitting a declaration of the People's National Assembly of the Republic of Cuba regarding the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons";

(b) CD/2050, dated 11 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 7 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by

the Government of the Republic of Korea on the nuclear test conducted by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea";

(c) CD/2056, dated 3 March 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 26 February 2016 addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament by the Permanent Mission of Argentina in its capacity as coordinator of the work of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean transmitting the communiqué issued on 14 February 2016 concerning the forty-ninth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco";

(d) CD/2061, dated 14 April 2016, entitled "Letter dated 13 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement made by the President of the Russian Federation on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty";

(e) CD/2063, dated 3 June 2016, entitled "Malaysia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Nuclear disarmament";

(f) CD/2067, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Follow-up to the 2013 High-Level Meeting of the General Assembly on Nuclear Disarmament";

(g) CD/2072, dated 26 August 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 22 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the commentary by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the IAEA Director-General's Report regarding the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's reprocessing activities";

(h) CD/2075, dated 14 September 2016, entitled "Note Verbale dated 13 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Declaration 'The Astana Vision: From a Radioactive Haze to a Nuclear-Weapon-Free-World'".

C. Prevention of an arms race in outer space

40. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

41. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

42. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2060, dated 4 April 2016, entitled "Letter dated 23 March 2016 from the Permanent Representatives of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on

Disarmament transmitting the text of the joint statement by the Minister of the People's Power for Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation to declare that they will not be the first to place weapons of any kind in outer space, signed in New York on 26 September 2015";

(b) CD/2062, dated 3 June 2016, entitled "Malaysia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working paper. Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space (PAROS)";

(c) CD/2078, dated 16 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 29 August 2016 from the Delegation of the United States of America addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the submission of the United States to the Conference on Disarmament: 'Implementing the Recommendations of the Report (A/68/189*) of the Group of Governmental Experts on Transparency and Confidence-Building Measures in Outer Space Activities to Enhance Stability in Outer Space'".

D. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons

43. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

44. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" was held on 14 June 2016 (CD/PV.1390).

45. The following document was submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

CD/2068, dated 3 August 2016, entitled "Mongolia on behalf of Member States of G-21. Working Paper. Negative Security Assurances".

E. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons

46. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

47. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" was held on 16 June 2016 (CD/PV.1391).

F. Comprehensive programme of disarmament

48. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

49. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" was held on 16 June 2016 (CD/PV.1391).

50. The following documents were submitted to the Conference under this agenda item:

(a) CD/2058, dated 22 March 2016, entitled "Letter dated 16 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting a Russian initiative on an international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical terrorism";

(b) CD/2059, dated 29 March 2016, entitled "Letter dated 28 March 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting an explanatory note and the text of elements of the draft international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical terrorism";

(c) CD/2071, dated 18 August 2016, entitled "Letter dated 3 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of elements of the draft international convention for the suppression of acts of chemical and biological terrorism and an Addendum".

G. Transparency in armaments

51. During the general debate of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item. These positions are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

52. On the proposal of the President of the Conference, Mr. Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Peru to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, one plenary meeting on agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" was held on 16 June 2016 (CD/PV.1391).

H. Consideration of other areas dealing with the cessation of the arms race and disarmament and other relevant measures

53. The following documents were submitted to the conference:

(a) CD/2048, dated 23 November 2015, entitled "Note verbale dated 18 October 2015 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of

Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement delivered by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 17 October 2015";

(b) CD/2053, dated 28 January 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 25 January 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Colombia addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the instrument of ratification and a declaration dated 4 September 2015 in respect of the Convention on Cluster Munitions";

(c) CD/2066*, dated 13 July 2016, entitled "Letter dated 13 July 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of China and the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the joint statement delivered by Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China, and by Mr. Vladimir V. Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on strengthening global strategic stability";

(d) CD/2073, dated 26 August 2016, entitled "Letter dated 23 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement delivered by Mr. Sartaj Aziz, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Pakistan on Foreign Affairs, during a briefing to media representatives in Islamabad on 12 August 2016";

(e) CD/2074, dated 7 September, entitled "Note verbale dated 28 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the texts of the statements made by the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 26 and 28 August 2016";

(f) CD/2076, dated 7 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 30 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the statement by the Spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) issued on 24 August 2016";

(g) CD/2077, dated 13 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 11 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting to the Secretariat the 'Statement by the Government of the Republic of Korea on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's Fifth Nuclear Test'";

(h) CD/2079, dated 20 September 2016, entitled "Note verbale dated 9 September 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Ukraine to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Comment of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine dated 7 September 2016 on the Russian Federation's large-scale military exercises 'Caucasus 2016'".

I. Consideration and adoption of the annual report of the Conference and any other report as appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

54. Being aware of the growing importance and need of progress of multilateral disarmament, and building on the focused efforts in the Conference on Disarmament to establish a programme of work for the 2016 session and with a view to early commencement of substantive work during its 2017 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations taking into account all relevant proposals, past, present and future, including those submitted as documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

55. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2017 session would be:

First part: 23 January-31 March

Second part: 15 May-30 June

Third part: 31 July-15 September.

56. The annual report to the seventy-first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 6 September 2016, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

Ambassador Kim In-chul
Republic of Korea
President of the Conference

16-16836 (E) 300916

Please recycle